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11/15/96U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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POLREP No.: POLREP 2

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	A537
Response Authority:	CERCLA
CERCLIS No.:	MID 052 500 261
NPL Status:	No
Start Date:	November 4, 1996

Completion Date: N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category Time Critical Removal Action at an Inactive Production Facility that Reconditioned Industrial Electrical Components

B. Site Description and Location

1. Site location

The J.E. Berger (JEB) site is located at 5300 Bellevue Street in Detroit, Michigan in a mixed commercial and residential area. The geographical coordinates for the site are 42 22'26.7 North latitude and 83 01'40.4" West longitude. The area of concern (AOC [5300 Bellevue Street]) is a small portion of interconnecting warehouses that were part of the Packard Automobile Plant until the late 1940's. The JEB site is bordered to the north by other warehouses in the complex, to the east by Concord Street, to the west by the Michigan Opera Theatre Technical Center (costume shop), and to the south by an adjoining warehouse and Frederick Street.

The building's interior remains contaminated with PCBs. Numerous PCB laden capacitors and approximately 50 drums also remain inside the building. Drum contents include PCB contaminated oils, flammable liquids, and roofing tars.

Please refer to the initial POLREP for more detailed information.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Current situation

Removal/disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous debris ongoing. Decontamination of building surfaces has begun. A small mercury spill was also remediated.

2. Removal activities to date

On 11-11-96, removal of non-hazardous debris from the warehouse continues. Elimination of overhead hazards (removal of hanging roof material) continues.

On 11-12-96, crew searched for capacitors scattered throughout the building and staged them for inventory. Non-hazardous debris was crushed for removal. Small mercury spill (estimated at two ounces) found on floor of third level.

On 11-13-96, pre-decontamination wipe samples collected in the loading dock. An amendment was made to the Site Safety Plan to accomodate the mercury found in the building.

On 11-14-96, crushing and removal of non-hazardous and hazardous debris from the warehouse continues. Elimination of overhead hazards complete.

On 11-15-96, decontamination of the loading dock begins. Mercury clean-up begins in isolated area of third level.

On-11-16-96, segregation and staging of non-hazardous and hazardous debris continues. The back of the warehouse is prepared for decontamination. Mercury clean-up complete.

On 11-17-96, segregation and staging of non-hazardous and hazardous debris continues. Building surface decontamination began at the back of the warehouse area.

B. Planned Removal Activities and Next Steps

1. Continue wood block removal throughout facility.
2. Haz-cat the contents of drums and small containers.
3. Remove debris (non-haz and hazardous) from the warehouse.
4. Decontaminate building surfaces, as necessary.
5. Confirm decontamination through analytical sampling.
6. Crush RCRA empty drums for disposal.

C. Key Issues

None

V. COST INFORMATION

Costs as of 11-16-96.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
U.S. EPA	\$ 44,000	\$ 3,806.00	\$ 40,194.00
START	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,362.50	\$ 14,637.50
ERCS	\$400,000	\$ 63,103.00	\$336,897.00
USCG	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,626.50	\$ 17,373.50
	<u>\$484,000</u>	<u>\$ 74,898.00</u>	<u>\$409,102.00</u>

Percent of project funds remaining = 84.5%

NOTE: The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data, which the OSC must rely upon, may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

To date, four loads of PCB-contaminated debris have been shipped to the CWM facility in Model City, New York for disposal.